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Health in All Policies (HiAP) Task Force¹ Update to the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) June 2020 – August 2020

HiAP Task Force members and partners implement multi-agency action plans and carry out innovative initiatives, using new approaches to advance health and equity and strengthen existing programs and practices. Implementation highlights are below.

Capitol Collaborative on Race & Equity (CCORE)

- **2020-2021 CCORE Learning Cohort launched.** On August 19th, teams representing 11 state entities participated in the opening training session of the 15-month training program. The opening session explored the role of government in advancing racial equity, built a shared understanding of key concepts of racial equity, and offered an introductory understanding of how to operationalize racial equity in State government. Learning Cohort participants include: Office of Planning and Research; Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission; Department of Fish and Wildlife; Department of Aging; Department of Food & Agriculture; Department of Forestry and Fire Protection; Department of Water Resources; Housing Finance Agency; Fi\$cal; Transportation Commission; Department of Conservation. (PHI)
- **CCORE Advanced Implementation Cohort.** CCORE continues to convene team leads for the 18 Advanced Implementation departments that participated in 2018 and 2019, supporting them to implement their racial equity action plans and contribute to broad strategy about enterprise-wide solutions to racial equity challenges. Several team leads from these departments are also serving as mentors to the incoming cohort. (PHI)
- **CCORE submits recommendations to support the California Leads as an Employer Task Forces.** In response to a request by CalHR, CCORE compiled and submitted over 160 workforce equity recommendations. Recommendations came directly from CCORE participant Racial Equity Action Plans, were identified through the CCORE implementation process, or were identified as best or promising practices from leaders in the field (i.e., Race Forward and the Government Alliance on Race and Equity). Also included were recommendations identified in the 2018 HiAP Task Force Workforce Equity Report which was developed in partnership with CalHR. (PHI, SGC)
- **Policy memo analyzes opportunities for advancing racial equity in California state government.** "[Advancing Racial Equity in California State Government A](#)

¹ The California Health in All Policies (HiAP) Task Force was charged by Executive Order S-04-10 in 2010 to identify priority programs, policies, and strategies to improve the health of Californians while also advancing the goals of the SGC. The Task Force consists of representatives from 22 State agencies, departments, and offices, who contribute their time to this initiative. The HiAP Task Force is staffed through a partnership between the SGC, the Public Health Institute, and the California Department of Public Health. For more information on the HiAP Task Force: <http://www.sgc.ca.gov/Initiatives/Health-In-All-Policies.html>



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[*strategic analysis of recommendations to institutionalize racial equity in California's State government*](#)" includes recommendations for strengthening accountability and impact of CCORE, as well as recommendations for establishing an office of equity across California state government. (PHI, CDPH)

Housing, Transportation, and Land Use Planning

- **CDPH student researcher explores Homelessness, Housing, and COVID-19.** In response to data needs on the impacts of COVID-19 on health inequities for the un-homed population, literature on Project Roomkey and Homekey is being compiled. Additionally, the research effort includes interviews with staff working on homelessness at the state, and in key counties and community based organizations in California, and will inform case studies highlighting promising practices. Further, a literature review on housing insecurity and health inequities related to COVID-19 including multi-generational families with essential workers, and overcrowding is being completed. Tenants' rights organizations, staff at the state and county levels, and local health departments will also be interviewed to inform the research. (CDPH)
- **Hygiene supplies and PPE distributed to homeless encampments.** Through a collaborative agreement with the CDC, the Office of Health Equity has partnered with Harm Reduction programs to provide PPE to staff serving the un-homed , as well as hygiene supplies such as mobile hand-washing, soap, hand sanitizer, and masks, at homeless encampments to fight the spread of COVID-19. This contract is being led by HiAP staff. (CDPH)
- **Annual Planning Survey explores health and racial equity.** HiAP staff provided technical assistance to OPR on questions related to health, racial equity, and COVID-19, for the statewide Annual Planning Survey. (SGC, CDPH, PHI)

COVID-19 Response and Recovery

- **New fact sheet on active transportation and COVID-19.** The HiAP Partnership provided resources to Caltrans on development of a fact sheet about active transportation and COVID-19. (CDPH)
- **HiAP Staff partner with CDPH Fusion Center to co-lead Health Equity and Vulnerable Population Workgroup.** This workgroup brings together partners from across the California Health and Human Services Agency and others to focus on advancing health equity as part of the COVID-19 response and recovery. This group is in a formative stage and has served largely as a venue to share information including identifying gaps and coordinating response. (CDPH)

Violence Prevention and Resilient communities

- **HiAP convenes partners to develop, distribute, and analyze state survey on trauma-informed approaches and ACEs science.** Initiated by CDPH and the Office of the Surgeon General, the survey invites state departments to share how



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they are incorporating trauma-informed approaches and awareness of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) science into their work. Survey responses will: 1) inform the Surgeon General's Report on ACEs due later this year, 2) assess State departments interested in additional training, and 3) generate data to complement a parallel county-level survey.

Capacity Building and Outreach Activities

- **HiAP provides briefing on racial equity to Senate Fellows.** On August 14, 2020, the SGC HEP team provided an overview of the HiAP approach to health, racial equity, and the collaboration to members of the California Fellows Alumni Association. (SGC)
- **SGC launches inter-agency HiAP contract with University of Berkeley, Othering and Belonging Institute.** This partnership is supporting planning for future HiAP work, and involves one-on-one meetings with key state agency staff, statewide convenings, public comment sessions, and metric identification for future HiAP work. The inter-agency partnership includes CDPH and PHI. The contract launched on July 1, 2020, and will be executed through December 30, 2021. (SGC, PHI, CDPH)
- **SGC Policy Consultant presents analysis to HiAP staff on equity in SGC grants.** The presentation summarized an analysis of equity components in SGC grant programs spanning multiple rounds and funding cycles and dispersed across 10 regions in California. The report analysis will support improved grant allocation equity. (SGC)
- **New HiAP representative on Office of Health Equity Advisory Committee.** Jessica Buendia, Deputy Director of the California Strategic Growth Council, is a new member of the California Department of Public Health's Office of Health Equity Advisory Committee. In this role, she serves in an advisory capacity on behalf of the California Strategic Growth Council and the Health in All Policies Task Force. Advisory Committee members represent state entities, local health departments, community-based organizations, and service providers and their role is to consult with the Office of Health Equity regarding policy recommendations, strategic plans, and the status of cross-sectoral health equity work. (SGC, CDPH)